

# Presentation to the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee on New Mexico's Military Base Planning Program by

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#### Commission and the Office

- Mission of the Military Base Planning Commission
  - Obtain and evaluate information about the federal government's plans, policies, and initiatives relative to military base realignment and closure
  - Work with and provide assistance to community organizations that have as their purpose the long-term viability of the military bases in their local area
  - Ensure collaboration between community organizations
  - Work with and provide assistance to the State's congressional delegation on matters relating to federal base realignment and closure plans
  - Advise the Governor on measures necessary to ensure the continued presence of military bases in the State
- Mission of the Office of Military Base Planning and Support
  - Support the Military Base Planning Commission
  - Inform the Governor regarding issues impacting the military bases in the State
  - Serve as a liaison with community organizations whose purpose it is to support the long-term viability of the military bases
  - Communicate with the staff of the State's congressional delegation
  - Identify issues, prepare information and provide for presentations necessary for the commission to carry out its duties

(New Mexico's Military Base Planning Program recognized by Office of Secretary of Defense as a model state-program)



### SecDef Announcement: April 6, 2009

- Implications for New Mexico
  - F-22 program curtailed at 187
  - Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR)-X cancelled
  - JSF/F-35 Fighter Program strengthened
  - Future Combat System restructured; DOD to "spin out" capabilities to all brigades
  - Airborne Laser Program reduced to Research and Development
  - Increased emphasis on UAV (Air Force--RPAs) capability
  - Hold Army Brigade Combat Teams at 45 (Heavy Brigade Combat Team at WSMR cancelled)
  - Emphasis on Foreign Internal Defense, one of the traditional SOF missions



## Kirtland AFB

(Air Force Materiel Command) Economic Impact: DOD, \$4.8B; DOE, \$3.0B

- 377<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing: Security Forces (growing by 140), Transportation, Finance, Civil Engineers, Services, Medical Group, Communications, Personnel, Family Support: 1165 military, 659 civilians, 720 contractors
  - Supports two headquarters commanded by G.O.'s: Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Nuclear Weapons Center (growing by 280 personnel at Kirtland)
  - And Air Force Inspection Agency (Col); Air Force Safety Center (Maj Gen, Pentagon)
- Air Force Research Lab: Space Vehicles--VS (Col) and Directed Energy Directorates (SES)
  - Space Vehicles Battlespace Environment Division: BRAC move from Hanscom, 188 positions, \$56 million milcon
- Armed Forces Reserve Center (from Wyoming Ave, Albuquerque): \$25 million military construction, 800 members
- Distributed Mission Operations Center (Air Combat Command)--Colonel
- 58<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing (Air Education and Training Command): Combat Rescue and Special Operations Initial Qualification: UH-1N/MH-60s/HC-130/MC-130P/N/H/CV-22; Colonel—tough mission; 58<sup>th</sup> gaining 7 MC-130Js
- Combat Rescue/PJ School (AETC): Captain
- Operationally Responsive Space Office (HQ USAF): SES
- Space Development and Test Center (AF Space Command): Colonel
- Defense Threat Reduction Agency: SES



# 27<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing, Colonel: reports to Air Force Special Operations Command

2010: 4,400 personnel; 2017: 6,000+ 2011 Economic Impact: \$1.2 B FY 2012 MILCON: \$155 M





16th SOS: 8 AC-130Hs to 16 AC-130Js by 2016



20th SOS: 13 CV-22s



524th SOS: 17



73<sup>rd</sup> SOS: 12 MC-130Ws (mission change)



523rd SOS: 10 MC-130Js next year



MQ-9 Reaper



33rd SOS



#### Holloman AFB

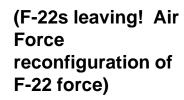
Air Combat Command: Colonel; Economic Impact \$400 million



MQ-9 Reaper



F-22 Raptor:22 a/c





MQ-1 Predator:



←GAF Tornado (Eurofighter to NM?)



F-16: 48 (2/12-2/13)







## Holloman Transition

- F-16 Path forward
  - Training infrastructure: airspace, range implementation
  - Facilities: F-16s
  - Interface with Air Force—Luke AFB
    - Alamogordo Committee of 50 and HS visit to Luke in December (outstanding reception!)
    - Luke Commander committed to working with Holloman and Alamogordo on the transition
    - Holloman unit to be a direct report unit to Luke AFB



# White Sands Missile Range

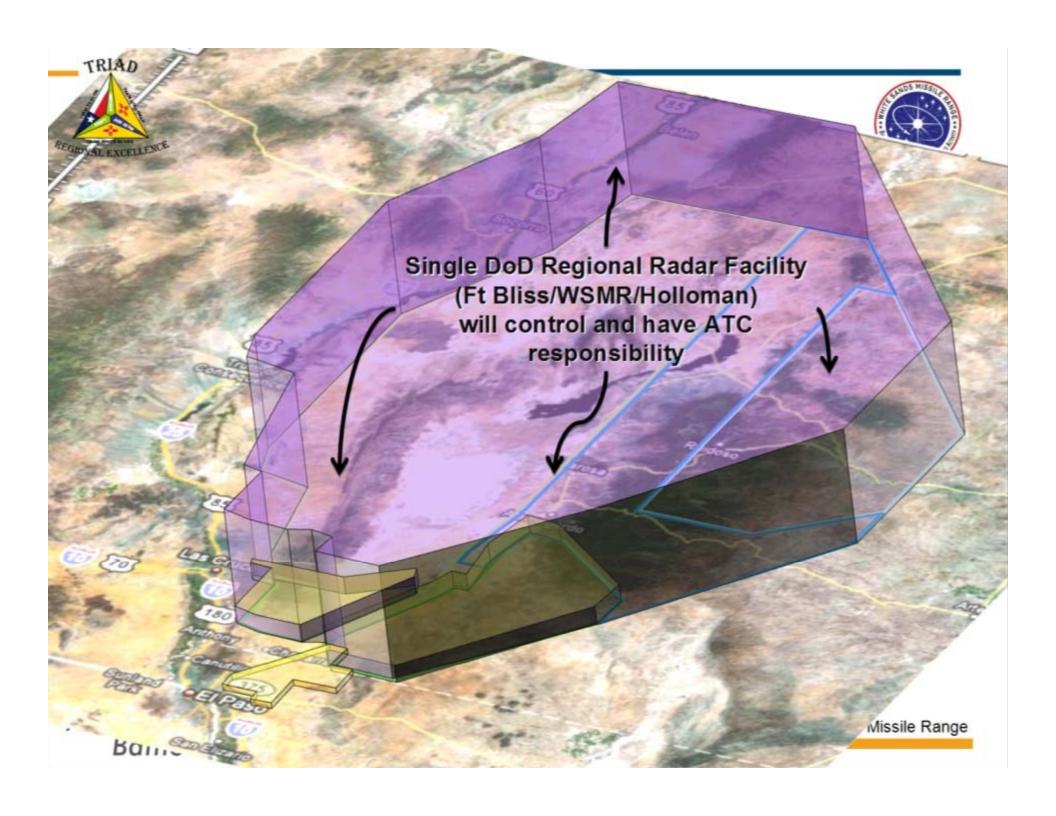
(Economic Impact: \$650 million)

- WSMR: Test and Evaluation Command; Installation Management Command; Army Research and Development Command (AMC); TRADOC Analysis (TRAC); Center for Counter Measures (reports to OSD); High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility (Army Space and Missile Defense Command); Air Force, Navy
- WSMR leadership, very supportive: Spaceport program; Holloman; working within the State
- Engineer Battalion (IED mission): seamless integration, employment, support; outstanding example of mission transition and support—from Test and Evaluation to Deployed Combat Forces
- Army Chief of Staff and Vice Chief of Staff visits last summer: WSMR role in Testing and Evaluation; WSMR established as "Network Center for Program Integration"



# Ft. Bliss

- Number one Military Value installation in the US Army
  - Four Brigade Combat Teams (one Infantry) plus Aviation Brigade
  - 1st Armored Division activated at Ft. Bliss last week; Commanding General visited Santa Fe during the Session
  - Soldiers: FY 05-9,300; FY 12-34,000
  - Family members: FY 05-15,300; FY 12-48,300
  - Extensive range modernization programs underway: McGregor, Dona Ana, on post





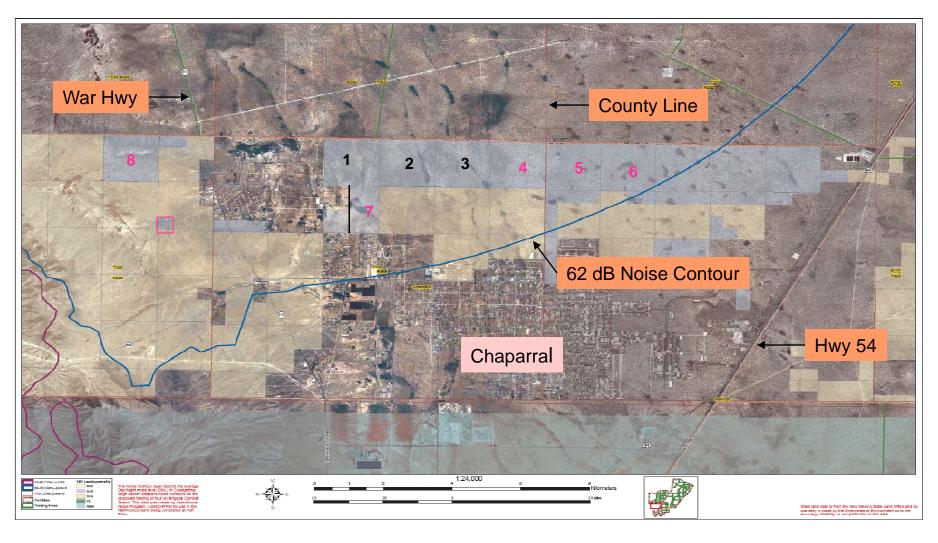
#### Past Actions

- New Mexico Training Range Initiative: expansion of Military Operating Areas, eastern NM (New Mexico Training Range Initiative)
- Education
- 58<sup>th</sup> SOW: Drop Zones, improved access to WSMR
- Ft. Bliss coordination with New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)
- Research and Development GRT Deductions: "Transformation Acquisition Programs" for Major Range Test Facility Bases; initially sunset in 2008, then extended to 2016
- Operationally Responsive Space: established on Kirtland
- National Mission Growth Working Group: one of 16 State representatives
- Southern NM Growth Organization: in anticipation of the Brigade Combat Team coming to WSMR, which was cancelled: MOA--Otero County/Alamogordo/Las Cruces/Dona Ana County
- Kirtland Joint Land Use Study: report complete; implementation next step
- Regional Growth Management Plan: Curry, Clovis, Roosevelt, Portales; report complete last year
- Ft. Bliss Buffer Zone agreements: Army requested assistance with NMSLO
- Comment: New Mexico State Land Office has been very supportive of all Military Base Planning Actions; support assured this Administration

# Projected Noise Contours for 5 HBCTs

Phase 1 Agreement Completed: 1, 2, 3 (1,956 acres)

Phase 2 Agreement Completed: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (3,213 acres)



**BLM Land** 

State Trust Land



#### Current Issues

- Land Acquisition (\$5 million authorized by NM Legislature): Secretary of the Air Force, Vice Chief of Staff, Commander USSOCOM decision "expand Melrose Range" (Feb, 2008)
  - MOU: HQ USAF, State of New Mexico June, 2008
  - MOU updated in June, 2009, expires June 2011
  - Status
    - Initial focus: procurement of State Trust Land adjacent to Melrose Air Force Range
    - Vice Chief of Staff letters to Governor
      - October 15 2009: intent to accept the land gift;
      - July 30, 2010: "I want to reaffirm our interest in this gift."
      - January 28, 2011: Priority: Melrose Air Force Range expansion
    - Office of Secretary of Defense provided waiver to Air Force to "accept the land gift", November 2009
    - Air Force notified Congress early January, 2010
    - Prior to the 2010 Special Session—action shared with DFA; then, transferred to Office of Military Base Planning and Support: four contracts—Environmental Baseline Survey-complete (URS Corporation); Independent Appraisal-complete (Hall-Widdoss); "Landman Services" –standing by (Tierra Right of Way); Legal Support (Myers, Oliver and Price), on-going
    - In December, we asked the Air Force to reconsider their position on mineral rights; and they agreed to accept the land subject to "encumbrances"
    - New Mexico Chief of Staff (and NM SLO) direction: look at "leasing option" (January 28)—we commenced working with the Air Force soon after; very constructive meeting in May
    - Great progress—our objective is have a draft Lease document ready by June 30

#### New Mexico State Land Office

#### Patrick H. Lyons Commissioner of Public Lands

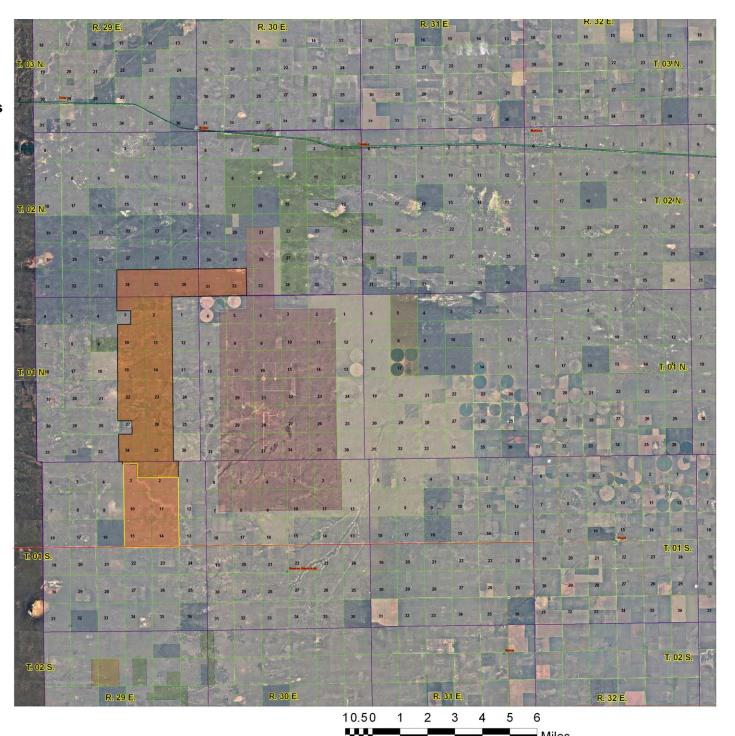


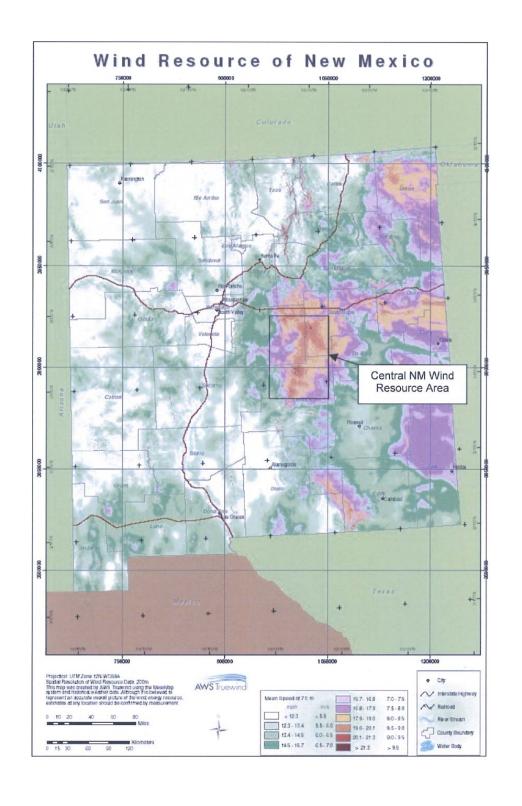
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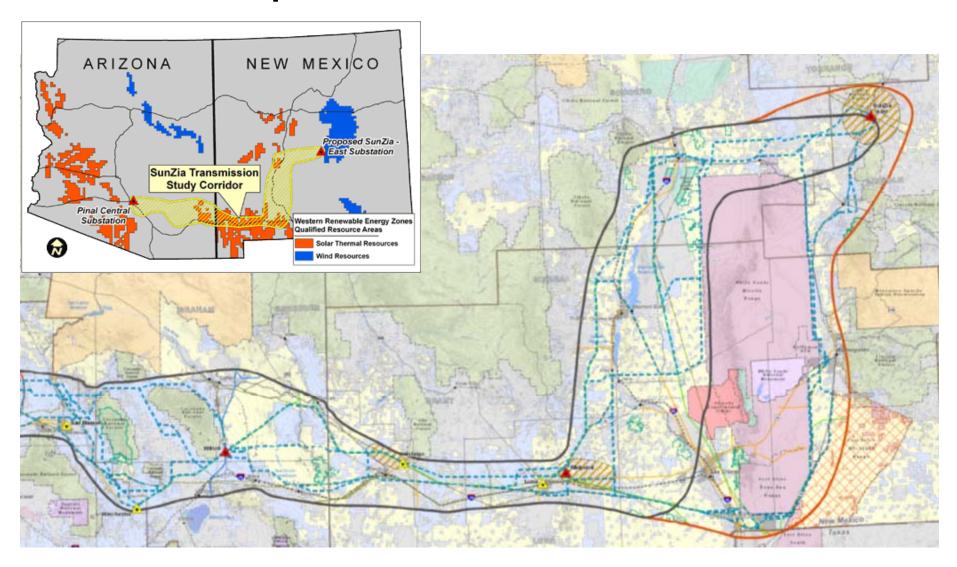
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# Proposed SunZia Routes





#### **Current Issues (Cont)**

- Renewable Energy Impacts: Air Force issued Interim Guidance in June 2010, our focus—get the bases to the table
- Military Coordination Meetings: WSMR, Bliss, Holloman, BLM, NMSLO, NASA, Las Cruces, Dona Ana County; have added Otero County and Alamogordo; Meetings: two or three times a year
  - Purpose: land-use planning so as to avoid encroachment; establish bilateral working relationships
  - Not replicated anywhere
  - Great progress!
- 58<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing: Belen/Double Eagle II airport; Roswell IAC; Drop Zones
- 27<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing Low Altitude Tactical Navigation Area (LATN)
  - Concerns by many northern NM and southern Colorado communities (overlapped with concerns regarding Ft. Carson expansion)
  - Some NM communities/counties supportive
  - Air Force evaluating comments, decision how to proceed is next
  - HQ USAF wrestling with this issue now; we expect to hear more in the near future
- Southern NM Sustainability Effort: WSMR, Holloman, Ft. Bliss—they have requested a regional Joint Land Use Study
- New Mexico Airspace Working Group—we are developing a plan



#### **Actions/Issues (Cont)**

- Western Regional Partnership: Five states—California, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, other federal, state agencies
  - Purpose: to identify regional issues pertinent to protecting military missions while addressing interests of other partners; Co-chair, Mr. John Conger, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
  - NM continuing to play a key role with organization, development of issues
  - Committee structure:
    - Steering Committee (25 members): originally, to develop "vision and mission statement, charter"; Steering Committee given permanent status (one or two meetings, most by conference calls)

**GIS Committee** 

Border

- Frequency
- Aviation
- Energy
- Land-use
- Wildlife Corridor
- Disaster Preparedness
- Tribal Relations, newly organized
- Principal's meeting: Albuquerque, August 17/18, 2010
- Steering Committee: December; next Principal's meeting in Sept, Salt Lake City (HS to turn over Chair of SC to Kevin Carter, Utah)



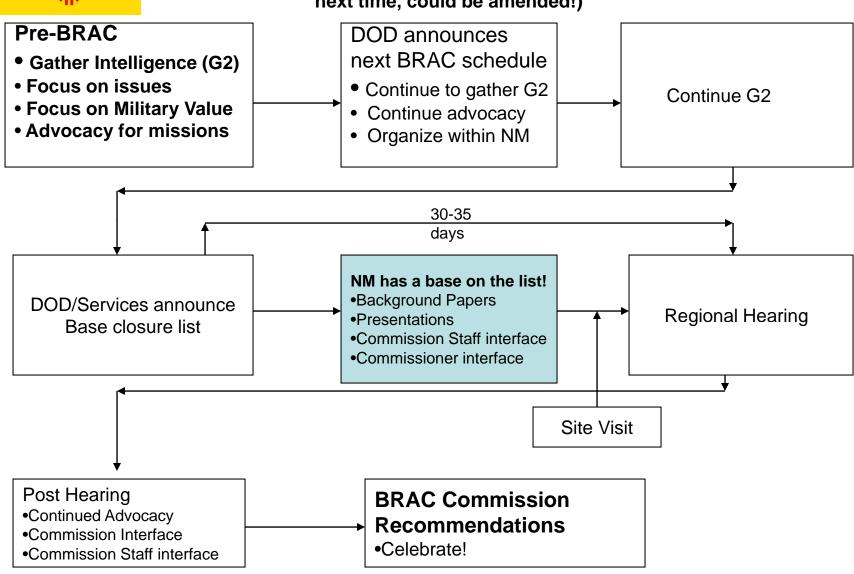
#### FY2012 Priorities

- Support the Holloman Transition
- Conclude the expansion of Melrose Air Force Range
- Support the development of training infrastructure: Cannon, Holloman, Kirtland, as requested
- Continue to support NM's military installations in addressing the impact of renewable energy initiatives on military missions: testing and training
- Engage with the Southern NM Sustainability Working Group
- Organize the New Mexico Airspace Working Group

#### **BRAC PROCESS**

(this was the process in 1995/2005;

next time, could be amended!)





# **Summary and Closing**

- All New Mexico military installations in a state of transition
- Good collaboration between all NM installations, including Ft. Bliss
- New Mexico State Land Office—great support
- Emerging trend: Office of Secretary of Defense direct to the field; mission chains of command left "out of the loop" (examples: education, renewable energy)
- Continuing Cannon Transition; Holloman transition; Kirtland (58th SOW) training infrastructure